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Applicant(s): J. Melotik et al.)
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For: INTEGRATED EXTENDABLE LOAD)
FLOOR ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLES)

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 13, 15, and 19.

Please substitute amended claims 1, 8, 14, 16, 17, 20, and 21 as follows for the pending claims with the same number:

1. (AMENDED) An integrated extendable load floor assembly for a vehicle having a rear end with a floor and sides extending upwardly and along the floor to form a cargo area and a decklid for closing an upper portion of the cargo area, said integrated extendable load

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